Kaukauna - Industrial Waste, Garbage & Refuse

On November 5, 1964, following a telephone complaint by Outagamie County Conservation Warden Dale Morey, 1106 W. Glendale, Appleton, on October 15, 1964, the writer accompanied Warden Morey to the City of Kaukauna dump and reviewed the operations thereof. It was noted that quantities of flammable solvents from the paper mills are hauled to this site periodically for disposal. At the time of the visit, these solvents were being dumped on the refuse fill near the edge, were seeping into and through the fill, running down the ravine north of the fill and entering Kankopot Creek. The Creek had little or no flow at this location and below the point of discharge the stream was grey in color for the several hundred yards that were observed.

The site has a new operator, Jim Lehrer, who took over August 1, 1964, and he stated that when the dumping of the solvent was completed that it was ignited and burned. Mr. Lehrer was informed that by the time the dumping had been completed that much of the solvent had already entered the creek and that only the solvent that remained on top of the fill, a relatively small amount, was actually burned.

It was recommended that a hole be excavated on solid ground away from the edge of the fill and that all the solvents be discharged into it. This then could be ignited and all the solvent thereby burned, eliminated seepage to the stream and reducing the hazard of spreading fire. Mr. Lehrer agreed to do this.

Because only glass, metal and other non-flammable materials are deposited at this spont (garbage and paper is burned in the Teepee burner) it is not felt that there should be any other discharge to the stream once the solvents are removed.

The matter has been reviewed with Mr. Wunsch, District Sanitarian, and when next in the area he will check to see if the recommendations have been complied with.

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